

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

Listing of Claims

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (New) A coding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, the coding apparatus comprising:

an intra-coding section that intra-codes information within a plurality of blocks that are formed by division of a picture within the time-varying image signal; and

a coding controlling section that controls the intra-coding so that $N > 1$ pictures of the time-varying image signal are successively intra-coded by the intra-coding section from the beginning of a communication, wherein:

the picture quality of each intra-coded picture is represented by the corresponding intra-coded information, and

the coding controlling section encodes the N pictures such that the picture qualities of $(N - 1)$ pictures, from the beginning of the communication, are more coarse than the picture quality of the N th picture, from the beginning of the communication.

13. (New) A base station apparatus including a coding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, the coding apparatus comprising:

an intra-coding section that intra-codes information within a plurality of blocks that are formed by division of a picture within the time-varying image signal;

an inter-coding section that inter-picture codes pictures within the time-varying image signal; and

a coding controlling section that controls the intra-coding so that $N > 1$ pictures of the time-varying image signal are successively intra-coded by the intra-coding section from the beginning of a communication, wherein:

the picture quality of each intra-coded picture is represented by the corresponding intra-coded information, and

the coding controlling section encodes the N pictures such that the picture qualities of $(N - 1)$ pictures, from the beginning of the communication, are more coarse than the picture quality of the N th picture, from the beginning of the communication.

14. (New) A communication terminal apparatus including a coding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, the coding apparatus comprising:

an intra-coding section that intra-codes information within a plurality of blocks that are formed by division of a picture within the time-varying image signal;

an inter-coding section that inter-picture codes pictures within the time-varying image signal; and

a coding controlling section that controls the intra-coding so that $N > 1$ pictures of the time-varying image signal are successively intra-coded by the intra-coding section from the beginning of a communication, wherein:

the picture quality of each intra-coded picture is represented by the corresponding intra-coded information, and

the coding controlling section encodes the N pictures such that the picture qualities of $(N - 1)$ pictures, from the beginning of the communication, are more coarse than the picture quality of the N th picture, from the beginning of the communication.

15. (New) A decoding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, the decoding apparatus comprising:

a decoding section that decodes image-coded data within the time-varying image signal;

a memorizing section that memorizes position information, within the time-varying image signal, of an intra-coded block of the image-coded data that cannot correctly be decoded by the decoding section due to a transmission error; and

a requesting section that:

determines whether the memorizing section contains position information for any one of a plurality of successive intra-coded blocks that immediately precede a motion compensation encoded block within the time-varying signal, and transmits a request for a communication partner to communicate, in the time-varying image signal, a picture whose image data is intra-coded when the position information is determined to exist.

16. (New) The decoding apparatus of claim 15, wherein the decoding section does not decode the motion compensation encoded block of image-coded data when the requesting section determines that the memorizing section contains the position information.

17. (New) A base station apparatus including a decoding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, the decoding apparatus comprising:

a decoding section that decodes image-coded data within the time-varying image signal;

a memorizing section that memorizes position information, within the time-varying image signal, of an intra-coded block of the image-coded data that cannot correctly be decoded by the decoding section due to a transmission error; and

a requesting section that:

determines whether the memorizing section contains position information for any one of a plurality of successive intra-coded blocks that immediately precede a motion compensation encoded block within the time-varying signal, and

transmits a request for a communication partner to communicate, in the time-varying image signal, a picture whose image data is intra-coded when the position information is determined to exist.

18. (New) A communication terminal apparatus including a decoding apparatus of a time-varying image signal, the decoding apparatus comprising:

a decoding section that decodes image-coded data within the time-varying image signal;

a memorizing section that memorizes position information, within the time-varying image signal, of an intra-coded block of the image-coded data that cannot correctly be decoded by the decoding section due to a transmission error; and

a requesting section that:

determines whether the memorizing section contains position information for any one of a plurality of successive

intra-coded blocks that immediately precede a motion compensation encoded block within the time-varying signal, and transmits a request for a communication partner to communicate, in the time-varying image signal, a picture whose image data is intra-coded when the position information is determined to exist.

19. (New) A coding method of a time-varying image signal, the coding method comprising:

intra-coding information within a plurality of blocks that are formed by division of a picture within the time-varying image signal; and

controlling the intra-coding so that $N > 1$ pictures of the time-varying image signal are successively intra-coded from the beginning of a communication, wherein the picture quality of each intra-coded picture is represented by the corresponding intra-coded information, wherein:

the picture qualities of $(N - 1)$ pictures, from the beginning of the communication, are intra-coded more coarsely than the picture quality of the N th picture, from the beginning of the communication.

20. (New) A decoding method of a time-varying image signal, the method comprising:

decoding image-coded data within the time-varying image signal;

memorizing position information, within the time-varying image signal, of an intra-coded block of the image-coded data that cannot correctly be decoded due to a transmission error; determining whether position information has been memorized for any one of a plurality of successive intra-coded blocks that immediately precede a motion compensation encoded block within the time-varying signal, and

transmitting a request for a communication partner to communicate, in the time-varying image signal, a picture whose image data is intra-coded when the position information has been memorized.

21. (New) The decoding method of claim 20, wherein the detected motion compensation encoded block of image-coded data is not decoded when the position information has been memorized.